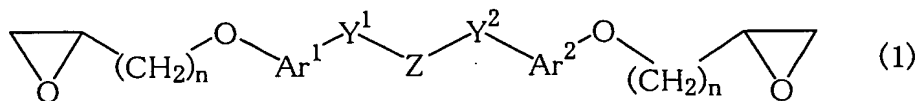


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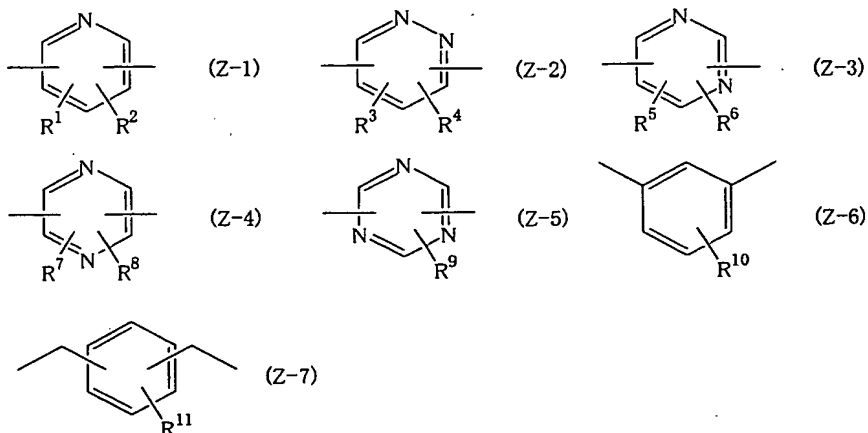
1. An epoxy compound of formula (1):



wherein n represents an integer of 1 to 9,

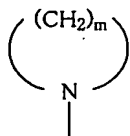
5 the $-(CH_2)_n-$ group may have inserted $-O-$, or $-N(R')-$, between the methylene groups, wherein R' represents a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-18} alkyl group,

Z represents any one of divalent groups of the following general formulas (Z-1) to (Z-7):



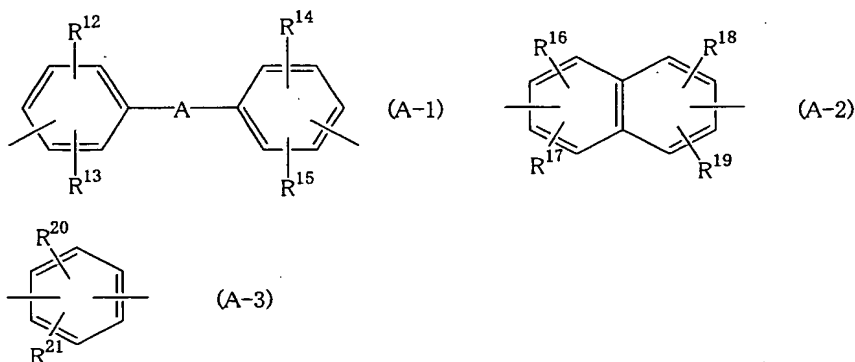
10 wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} and R^{11} are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-18} alkyl group, an amino group substituted with one or two C_{1-18} alkyl groups, or a cyclic amino group of

15 the following formula:

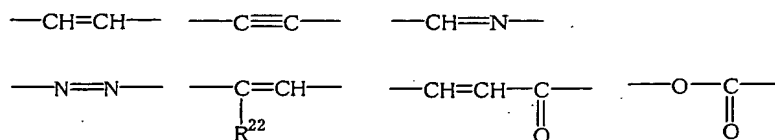


wherein m represents an integer of 4 to 12, and one methylene group or two or more not neighboring methylene groups of the C₁₋₁₈ alkyl group or groups as defined in connection with R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ or R¹¹, and of the cyclic amino group, may be replaced with -O-, -NH-, -N(R'')- or -S-, wherein R'' represents a C₁₋₁₈ alkyl group,

Ar¹ and Ar² are the same or different and represent any one of groups of the following formulas (A-1) to (A-3):



wherein A represents a single bond or any one group selected from the group consisting of:

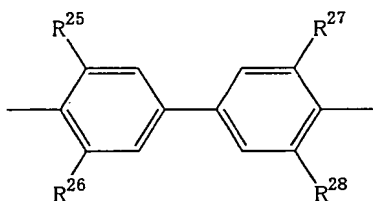


wherein R¹², R¹³, R¹⁴, R¹⁵, R¹⁶, R¹⁷, R¹⁸, R¹⁹, R²⁰, R²¹ and R²² are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C₁₋₁₈ alkyl group, a C₁₋₈ alkoxy group, a cyano group, or a nitro group,

Y¹ and Y² are the same or different and represent a

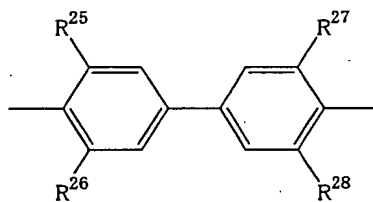
single bond, -O-, -S-, or -Si(R²³)(R²⁴)-, wherein R²³ and R²⁴ are the same or different and represent independently a lower alkyl group or a phenyl group.

- 5 2. The epoxy compound according to claim 1, wherein Ar¹ and Ar² in formula (1) are the same or different and represent independently a group of the following formula:



- wherein R²⁵, R²⁶, R²⁷ and R²⁸ are the same or different and
10 represent independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

3. The epoxy compound according to claim 1, wherein Ar¹ and Ar² in formula (1) represent the same group of the following formula:



- 15 wherein R²⁵, R²⁶, R²⁷ and R²⁸ are the same or different and represent independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

4. An epoxy composition, which comprises the epoxy
20 compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 3 and a curing agent.

5. The epoxy composition according to claim 4, wherein the curing agent is an amine-type curing agent or a phenol type curing agent.

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6. A cured epoxy resin product obtained by curing the epoxy composition as defined in claim 4 or 5.

7. A prepreg obtained by impregnating or coating a
10 substrate with the epoxy composition of claim 4 or 5 and then semi-curing the epoxy composition.